SUBJECT No. 151.

Exemption of officials over 40 years of age from passing Local Tests.

Mr. G. Girimaji Rao, Kolar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Subordinates in the lower ranks of public service who are 40 years of age and who have put in 20 years' service may be exempted from passing the Local Tests.

Reply of Government.—Heads of Departments can recommend deserving cases to Government.

SUBJECT No. 152.

Maintenance in each Taluk Office of a collection of Rules, Regulations and Standing Orders issued by Government.

Messrs. Anantarajappa and Anantalakshminaranappa, Tumkur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—While it is in experience that even the educated men sometimes miss to notice the Rules, Regulations and Standing Orders issued and duly published by Government, it is difficult for ordinary people to know of them by referring to Gazettes, which are not easily procurable by all people. It is therefore proposed that a collection of such rules, etc., may be made and kept in a specified place in each taluk office for the information of the general public.

Reply of Government.—The Taluk Manual requires this to be done.

SUBJECT No. 153.

Publication in Kannada of books prescribed for the Revenue and Accounts Examinations.

Mr. B. Narasimhaiyya, Sira Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The text books prescribed for the Mysore Local Service Revenue and Accounts Examinations, such as the Revenue Code, Revenue Manual, Civil Account Code, the Service Regulations and the Treasury Manuals may be published in Kannada, so as to enable the kannada knowing officials and others to pass those Examinations or to acquire knowledge necessary to do their duties properly.

Reply of Government.—The Revenue Manual is going to be revised. It will be published in Kannada when revised. Revenue Code and Revenue Rules are available in kannada. Civil Account Code will also be translated in course of time.

SUBJECT No. 154.

Supply of carts by Kotwals.

Messrs. C. Chennakeshaviah, Chitaldrug Taluk, T. G. Nagappa, Tumkur District Board.

Summary of discussion.—Much hardship is caused to raiyats by the present system of impressment of carts by Kotwals. The inconvenience and annoyance caused sometimes is inexpressible. It is requested that some other arrangement may be made to get carts for officers and this practice be discontinued as early as possible.

Dewan.—There is the Chief Commissioner's Notification of 1873 already. The attention of all officers has been called to that notification as recently as 8th June 1917.

Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao.—Villagers bringing sick persons in their carts to the dispensaries or coming to take some medicine for the sick in their villages who are in a dying condition, are compelled by kotwals to bring their carts to carry officers' things. This should be put down at once and any cases of the sort severely dealt with.